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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Crooks

A RESOLUTION urging Congress to make the necessary changes to Title 38, Section 2306 of the United States Code concerning veterans' grave markers to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish appropriate government headstones or markers for the graves of all veterans.

Whereas, Providing headstones to veterans by the government is a time honored tradition;

Whereas, The original standard grave marker predates the establishment of the National Cemetery Administration in 1862 and actually has its origin in the frontier days of this country before the Civil War;

Whereas, Title 38, Section 2306 of the United States Code

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authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish appropriate government headstones or markers at the expense of the United States only for the unmarked graves of veterans interred in public or private cemeteries;

Whereas, Veterans interred in a national cemetery, post, or veterans' cemetery owned by a state are furnished an appropriate headstone or marker at the expense of the United States;

Whereas, It is inappropriate and unfair to deny veterans and their families their rightful recognition of service to the United States by limiting the availability of headstones or markers at government expense to grave sites of veterans who have no other marker; and

Whereas, The Disabled American Veterans desire that Congress take appropriate action to correct this injustice and inequity to America's veterans and their families: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges
- 2 Congress to make changes to Title 38, Section 2306(a) of the United
- 3 States Code that would authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to
- 4 furnish appropriate government headstones or markers at the expense
- 5 of the United States government for the graves of all veterans interred
- 6 in public or private cemeteries notwithstanding the presence of other
- 7 markers on the grave site.
- 8 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 9 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana
- 10 Congressional delegation.

